| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27. | A and N Islands | 30.00 | 9.00 | 39.00 |
| 28. | Chandigarh | 2.40 | 14.40 | 16.80 |
| 29. | D and N Haveli | 4.00 | 2.00 | 6.00 |
| 30. | Daman and Diu | 4.80 | 1.60 | 6.40 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 6.30 | 0.50 | 6.80 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 16.00 | 6.00 | 22.00 |
| | Total | 9834.33 | 6776.77 | 16611.10 |
| | CRP/BSF | 12.00 | 20.00 | 32.00 |
| | Defence | 112.50 | 135.00 | 247.50 |
| | Bhutan | 14.80 | 13.60 | 23.40 |
| | Grand Total (All-India) | 9973.63 | 6945.37 | 16919.00 |

(P) = Provisional
(Neg) = Below 50 Tonnes

*[English]*

**Mangalore Fertilizer and Chemical Project**

1627. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount required for the completion of the Mangalore Fertilizer and Chemicals Project;

(b) the amount released by the Centre; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Mangalore Chemicals and Fertiliser Ltd. is a fertiliser manufacturing unit in the private sector. It commenced production in 1976 after successful commissioning of the project. No amount is, therefore, required for completion of the Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilisers Project.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Supply of Ration**

1628. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether many irregularities are being committed in the supply of ration to consumers by the Ration Shop dealers in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Kanpur;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the results of the findings and the action taken against the accused; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to avoid such recurrance of such activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). Operational responsibility for implementation of Public Distribution System is that of the State Governments and UT Administrations. Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that it is not correct to say that many complaints of irregularities committed by FPS dealers are being received. However, at times complaints regarding irregularities are reported and immediate action is taken on the basis of enquiries done. The State Government has also reported that 170 FIRs have been lodged in the State and 42 persons have been arrested on the basis of enquiries and surprise checking done during the last three months. In addtion to this, 494 licences have also been suspended and securities worth Rs. 1,57,200/- forfeited.

In Kanpur District alone, 40 Fair Price Shops have been suspended and security worth Rs. 40,250/- forfeited during the last three months. In addition to this, seven FIRs have been lodged in Kanpur. Strict vigilance is being kept to ensure proper distribution of essential commodities.

*[Translation]*

**Wholesale and Retail Marketing System**

1629. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the wholesale and retail marketing system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

*[English]*

**Use of Hindi in Offices**

1630. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have undertaken a comprehensive review regarding the progress made in popularising Hindi as the National language for official use, by enhancing the status of Hindi at Regional/ National and International levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the fresh initiatives taken/proposed to be taken for enhancing the status of Hindi and encouraging the

use of Hindi in the non-Hindi States and Central Offices Organisations;

(d) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to demand recognition of Hindi as official language of the United Nations; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). Hindi has been accorded the status of Official Language of the Union in the Constitution of India. As per provisions made in the Constitution, regarding Language, Official Language Act 1963, Official Language Rules 1976, and orders issued there-under from time to time, the propogation of Official Language, Hindi in all Central Government offices etc., is being made with the policy of inspiration, incentives and goodwill. For promoting the use of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States, the Central Government is implementing two schemes for providing financial assistance to the State Governments for appointment of Hindi Teachers and opening and strengthening colleges for imparting training to Hindi Teachers and to voluntary Hindi institutions for propagation of Hindi.

(c) and (d). The Government has been making efforts for several years for the adoption of Hindi as an Official U.N. language. Adoption of any new Language as UN Language requires majority support of member states. Efforts made in this regard so far have not been encouraging.

*[Translation]*

**Prices of Foodgrains**

1631. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the agricultural production and its sale price has increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the percentage increase in agricultural production cost, its production and sale price during the said period, grain-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the increase?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Production of foodgrains during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 crop years is as under :

(in million tonnes)

| 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|
| 184.26 | 191.10 | 185 (P) |

(P) = Provisional.

The prices of foodgrains in the open market depend on demand and supply situation at various points of time. Minimum Support Prices are fixed by Ministry of Agriculture before every crop season and have increased during last three years.

(b) Statement-I showing the latest available figures of increase in cost of production of foodgrains is enclosed.

Statement-II showing the increase in Minimum Support Prices of paddy, wheat and coarsegrains and the increase in the Central Issue Prices of rice, wheat and coarsegrains is enclosed.

(c) General increase in the cost of various agricultural inputs results in higher cost of production of foodgrains. The Commission on Agricultural Cost and Prices recommends the Minimum Support Prices after taking into account the increase in cost of production. The increase in Minimum Support Prices necessitates revision of Central Issue Price of foodgrains.

**STATEMENT-I**

*Cost of Production in 1992-93 over 1991-91 for Cereals in Important States*

(Rs. per Quintal)

| State/Crop. | Cost of Production | | | % variation in 1992-93 over 1990-91 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1990-91 | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **Paddy** | | | | |
| Haryana | 212.89 | 241.09 | 300.49 | (+) 41.15 |
| M.P. | 230.54 | 328.93 | 295.41 | (+) 28.14 |
| Punjab | 194.69 | 206.77 | 224.38 | (+) 15.25 |
| Orissa | 173.57 | 186.46 | 213.06 | (+) 22.75 |